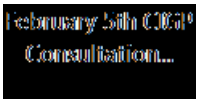


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Hello again! Please accept my apology, we have an addition to the EPA's meeting participants. Jim Woods, the EPA R10's Senior Tribal Policy Advisor, will also attend this meeting. The revised agenda attached is attached here.  
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Greetings All!

The agenda for next week's consultation with Cook Inlet tribes on the EPA's Reissuance of an NPDES General Permit for Oil and Gas Exploration in Cook Inlet Federal Waters is attached here. Please forward it to tribal leaders. The meeting will be on Tuesday February 5th, 2:00-4:00pm Alaska at the downtown Federal Building in the EPA Alaska Operations Office's Raven Conference Room on the 5th floor. Please remember to bring photo I.D. and be prepared to pass through security. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Please forward to your Tribal Leaders!

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Dear Cook Inlet Tribal Leaders:

This is an invitation from the EPA Region 10 to federally recognized Cook Inlet tribes for government-to-government consultation on the EPA's re-issuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for discharges from Oil and Gas exploration activities to federal waters of Cook Inlet, Alaska. As part of the consultation and coordination process on this action, and in response to requests received during an informational teleconference call in December, the EPA will offer a government-to-government meeting for interested Cook Inlet tribal leaders and/or their representatives on Tuesday February 5 at 2:00pm in Anchorage. Executive Dan Opalski, Director of Region 10's Office of Water and Watersheds, will represent the EPA at this meeting. Project Lead and Permit Writer Cindi Godsey will also participate, and Southcentral Alaska Tribal Coordinator Katherine Brown will facilitate the discussions.

This meeting will only be open to representatives of federally recognized Cook Inlet tribal governments and the EPA. Please contact Cindi Godsey at (907) 271-6561 or [godsey.cindi@epa.gov](mailto:godsey.cindi@epa.gov) or Katherine Brown at (206) 553-7263 or [brown.katherine@epa.gov](mailto:brown.katherine@epa.gov) as soon as possible if you and/or a representative of your tribe are interested in participating. We will also attempt to contact each tribe by phone to make sure that you are aware of this opportunity. Please let us know if there are items that you would like included on the agenda, particular issues or concerns that you would like to discuss, or if you would like to request additional consultation on this action by Friday January 25 so that we can prepare for a meaningful dialogue. The meeting's location and agenda will be shared by Wednesday January 30 with invited participants that respond to this invitation.

The 2007 NPDES General Permit for Oil and Gas Facilities in Cook Inlet (AKG-31-5000) expired in July 2012. Region 10 plans to re-issue only the exploration component of a NPDES General Permit for federal waters, in conjunction with a state issuance of an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) General Permit for exploration activity discharges in state waters. Permit coverage for existing production facilities and exploration activity (all of which are in state waters) that reapplied in a timely manner has been administratively extended. Future permitting actions for both exploration activity and existing production facility discharges to state waters will be taken by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC).

The EPA shared the preliminary draft NPDES General Permit and a draft Fact Sheet with Cook Inlet tribes, and held an informational teleconference for interested tribal representatives, in December 2012. Region 10 is extending the deadline for comments on these draft documents through February 13, 2013. While input received after February 13 can not be considered in development in the draft permit that EPA plans to release for public review in March, it will be considered in the development of the final permit. Comments should be directed to Project Lead and Permit Writer Cindi Godsey at [godsey.cindi@epa.gov](mailto:godsey.cindi@epa.gov). Please feel free to contact Cindi by email at [godsey.cindi@epa.gov](mailto:godsey.cindi@epa.gov) or by phone at (907) 271-6561 if you or your representative would like copies of these draft documents or have questions relating to them.

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